



## **ANDREWS INTERNATIONAL HOLLYWOOD/SUNSET BID PATROL**

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### **SUMMARY FOR 01-01-11 THROUGH 02-06-11**

We are beginning our fifth year providing security for the Hollywood and Sunset BID's. Our core mission remains, which is to improve the quality of life in the BID areas. We use enforcement, outreach to the business, resident, and homeless communities towards reaching our goal. We also serve as ambassadors for the tourists who are so important to the local economy. Our model of combining forces with every entity, public and private, that shares our goal has proven highly effective.

Our contacts with law enforcement, business, and outreach providers, allow us to maximize our effect. We are proactive and consider ourselves problem solvers. I believe that we have established ourselves as being part of the community as evidenced by the many civic and charity events we have participated in.

We look forward to 2011 and it is our intention to continue to evolve and fine tune our operation.

### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

#### **PROBLEM SOLVING:**

In late December of 2010, we received a call from Kerry Morrison's office. They said they had reports of transients possibly taking up residence in some vacant duplexes at 6751 through 6767 Selma Ave. This property has two buildings and eight units. On 12-29-09, we went to the location with our morning teams and found nine people sleeping there. They had forced entry into the buildings. All were warned that they could be arrested for trespass in the future if they returned.

We asked Kerry's staff for contact information for the owners of the property, which they promptly provided. We then contacted Riverrock Real Estate Group of Newport Beach Ca. After explaining the situation, they were happy to sign a trespass form allowing us to act as their agent in regards to trespass violations.

I then contacted our partners at the LAPD and they agreed to conduct a joint early morning raid. We called Riverrock and they agreed to send a team to secure the property after the raid. On 01-16-11,



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(Sunday) we brought in a Supervisor and three Officers two hours early. They met four LAPD Officers at our office for a pre-raid briefing. The eight man team then headed to the location.

After an extensive search, we found eleven people in the two buildings and garage. All were cited out by the LAPD Officers. One suspect named Imelea was referred to Travelers Aid at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament so she could get a bus ticket back to Utah. The building owner's had a team on hand to re-secure the buildings.

On 02-01-11, we returned to the location and found that it had been broken into again. We arrested Michael, Drew, Nicholas and Ezekiel for trespass as they were sleeping inside. It took three of our vehicles to transport the four suspects, their duffel bags and sleeping bags, pit bull and two brand new looking girl's bicycles that were recovered at the scene. LAPD came to our office and cited out three of the suspects. We took Ezekiel to the LAPD station. He was a recent arrival from Arizona and had a possible warrant there.

We asked the LAPD to run the serial numbers on the bicycles and we were able to locate the shop where the bikes were made in Culver City. They in turn told us who had purchased the bikes. We called Jennifer Hodson who told us the bikes were taken during a burglary here in Hollywood. She came to our office with the proper paperwork and we reunited her with the bikes.

During the searches of the location, we found used syringes and other drug paraphernalia. We also recovered the two stolen bikes. A location like this can become a hub for various crimes in a neighborhood if allowed to fester. We believe that this incident is a great example of our step by step problem solving approach.

On 01-09-10, we received a call from security at Hollywood and Highland regarding a disturbance. Several males and females were walking around the complex in their underwear. When our Officers made inquiries with the trouser-less group, they learned that it was "No Pants Day". The group was told to go pant-less elsewhere as they were on private property, and they complied.

On 01-17-11, our Officers found a vehicle stalled in traffic at Sunset and Argyle. We contacted the 87 year old driver Susie. We pushed her vehicle to a safe location and then drove her to her home at 2011 Vine St.



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Assistant Security Director Joe Salazar has been conducting a series of business contacts in the SBID. Below is a partial list of his contacts.

On 01-18-11, Assistant Security Director Joe Salazar was conducting a business check at the Vine and Delongpre shopping strip. He spoke to the security guard named Chuck who thanked our Officers for their efforts saying that he remembered how bad the area was before Andrews started patrolling there. He further stated that we had the reputation of having a rapid response time when called for help.

Joe then went to the Payless Shoes located at 1250 N. Vine. He was praised by Alva who is the manager. We had captured a suspect that had stolen a pair of shoes which were then returned to the store. Alva refused prosecution, but was very happy with the recovery of her property. She cited the professionalism and quick response of our Officers. Cashier Marasellia also expressed her gratitude.

Joe also contacted Kay at the Pump Station and Nurturing store located at 1248 N. Vine. Kay told him that she liked seeing our Officers walking around the area and felt much safer.

Joe then spoke to Mr. Kim at the Snow White Cleaners located at 1246 N. Vine. He said he has called BID Security several times with positive results.

Joe then went to the Office Depot located at 1240 N. Vine. He spoke to Veronica who is the manager. She said she has noticed our Officers walking around the business and making themselves known to would be criminals. Joe gave her advice on handling shop lift and other issues.

On 01-19-11, Joe Salazar conducted a business check at a bar called 'The Bar' located at 5851 Sunset Blvd. He spoke to Sandy who is the bartender. As he was giving her our contact information, several patrons expressed their gratitude for the positive difference BID Security has made in the community.

Joe Salazar contacted owner Semire at the Mobil Station located at 5857 Sunset Blvd. He had positive words for our service and how it has helped his business. He then contacted Maria who is the manager at the Arby's located at 5920 Sunset Blvd. She told him of issues that she has with aggressive panhandlers and theft suspects. She also praised the service she received from BID Security.



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We encourage our Officers to conduct these business contacts as it gives us a chance to make them aware of our service and to keep a finger on the pulse of what is happening on the street.

On 1-27-11, Joe Salazar represented BID Security at a massive homeless count being conducted by a coalition of outreach providers. Joe headed up one of the field teams. He also stuck around afterwards to accompany Kerry Morrison as she desired to analyze the activity in Hollywood after the various clubs close down after 2:00 A.M.

On 01-29-11, Councilman Gil Garcetti hosted an event called the Neighborhood Dreams Initiative at Selma Elementary School. We adjusted the hours of our 10:00 A.M. team so they could start early and provide extra patrol on our T-3's.

On 02-05-11, our Officers were flagged down by 'Jay' of Wilcox Liquor's, which is located at 1515 1/2 Wilcox. He said that someone had taken his sidewalk sign. Our Officers began a search and found the sign on Sunset Blvd. They returned it to Jay who was very happy.

### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 1-10-11 Homeless Outreach Meeting-BID Office
- 2) 1-11-11 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 3) 1-11-11 SBID Board Meeting
- 4) 1-13-11 BID Joint Security Meeting
- 5) 1-13-11 Arclight Security Meeting
- 6) 1-18-11 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 7) 1-20-11 HBID Retreat
- 8) 1-25-11 CPAB Meeting
- 9) 1-25-11 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 10) 2-1-11 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 11) 2-3-11 H+H Retail Meeting

### **OUTREACH:**

On 01-05-10, we received a radio call of a man down in the 1600 block of Schrader. The approximately 50 year old man was unconscious, but breathing. We called Paramedics and unit RA 27 took him to the hospital.

On 01-05-11, we received a radio call of a man setting up an encampment on the sidewalk in the 1500 block of Schrader Ave.



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Upon arrival our Officers attempted to speak to the man, but were not able to rouse him. We called Paramedics and unit #27 responded. They were also unable to rouse the man and they transported him to the hospital.

On 01-08-11, our Officers met with homeless woman Cynthia. We have been helping her apply for space in a shelter. Our Officers told her that Courtney from PATH would meet with her in about forty minutes to assist her with the placement.

Courtney responded a short time later, but now working in her role as a part time BID Officer. After a lengthy dialogue, Courtney determined that Cynthia was eligible for the PATH Shelter for the weekend. She would then be evaluated for further assistance. Courtney and her BID security partner Dave drove Cynthia to the shelter where she was given a shower, hot meal, and a bed.

On 01-08-11, our Officers spoke to Paul and two females who were sitting on the sidewalk at 1605 Ivar. These are all young people that frequent My Friends Place. We have had violent confrontations with Paul in the past. Our officers took some time to talk to the group about our duties so they can understand that we are not attempting to harass them. Our Officers bought food and drinks for the group as they had not eaten.

On 01-09-11, our Officers found a homeless man named Juan passed out in a wheelchair at 5955 Hollywood Blvd. We woke him up and he asked for help saying that there was a leak in his urine bag. We called Paramedics and they responded and gave him information on the proper treatment for his medical situation.

On 01-10-11, our Officers contacted homeless veteran Henry. They helped him complete necessary paperwork that will enable him to get housing through the Veterans

Administration. They then had Henry meet them at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament where they connected him with Social Service worker Allen who gathered more necessary information. On 01-13-11, we met with Henry again. He needed temporary shelter while waiting for a placement. We called Reggie from PATH. He responded, checked his paperwork (TB test, etc.) and placed Henry into a PATH Shelter.



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On 01-12-11, our Officers saw a man lying on the sidewalk with his legs into the roadway. We tried to rouse him, but he did not respond. Paramedics were called. They responded and treated him.

On 01-12-11, BID Sgt. Reyes and Officer Watkins made contact with the elderly Juan at 1810 Cahuenga. He is homeless and wheelchair bound. He was hanging out at the location and begging for someone to get him some water. We got him several cups of water, but soon saw that he had more pressing issues. His shoes were torn open and his feet very swollen. He was also complaining of abdominal pain. He said he was hungry and that he has a catheter that was overflowing. He was unable to empty it. We called the PATH Hero Team.

Jorge Guzman, Tomasz Babiskienicz and Elma Prieto all responded. They noted that Juan's psychical condition was so bad that they believed Paramedics should be called. We did so. Unit RA 847 responded and then took him to the hospital. The Paramedics told our Officers that Juan's condition was so dire that he would likely have died within several days without this intervention.

On 01-13-11, Officers Mooney and Melvin contacted Twilight at 6700 Hollywood Blvd. She is homeless and in need of shelter. They called the PATH Hero Team and Jorge and Thomas responded. They were able to find a shelter for her at least for the night which would give them time to access her situation.

On 01-14-11, our Officers met with David and his wife at Cahuenga and De Longpre. Our Officers have been trying to assist them for some time. They are both HIV positive. They live in an RV which they park at various RV lots for a month at a time. David recently got pulled over by Police. He had insurance and registration, but the vehicle was impounded as his license is invalid. They need the vehicle for shelter and to drive to Doctor appointments.

The couple was forced to move onto the streets with their three dogs. Our Officers assisted them with paperwork they needed to get their RV out of the impound lot. They then called Courtney from PATH who was able to find space for the couple and the three dogs in the PATH Shelter. We then loaded up the entire group and drove them to the shelter. We also contacted Sonny from Get Love who offered to help with the \$1,500.00 impound fee.

On 01-18-11, we received a radio call of a man in the alley with a gun. We then found homeless and mentally challenged Surge playing with a BB gun. We warned him of the





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dangers of playing with a realistic looking gun. He agreed to give it to us. We have been working closely with the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health to attempt to get Surge into a placement.

On 01-20-11, we arrested Richard for illegal vending. He fought our Officers, but was arrested without injury. After the arrest, our Officers realized that Richard had mental issues. He said he attacked because he is bipolar and without medication. We contacted PATH, but they were not able to assist at that time. We gave him the number for PATH, but he never called them.

On 01-25-11, we again found Richard on the street. He approached Sgt. Reyes, shook his hand, and thanked him for trying to help him. He said he is supposed to take Paxil, but can't afford to buy it. He said he had been unable to contact PATH. Reyes then called Jorge of the PATH Hero Team. He had Richard speak to him and Jorge said they would try to help Richard. On 01-31-11, our Officers contacted Richard again. We learned that Richard gets \$641.00 a month from SSI, but can't live on that amount. He needs to take Paxil as he suffers from autism. We will help him complete registry papers prior to being interviewed by Get Love where we hope he will get much needed assistance.

On 01-25-11, our Officers contacted Michael at Sunset and Gordon. He is homeless, hungry and dirty. They told him about services that were available to help him. Michael agreed to accompany our Officers to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament on the following Thursday.

On Thursday morning our Officers met with Keith from Get Love. He agreed to go with our guys to pick up Michael and take him to the Church. Michael was able to eat, shower, and get a haircut, new clothes and toiletries. The transformation was amazing and he was very grateful for the help. These simple things clearly raised Michael's self esteem greatly. Step Up On Second it still working with Michael to this day. As of 12-27-11, he is still off the street, taking his medications, and looking great. We view this as a major success story as he had been living in utter squalor on the sidewalk.

On 01-27-11, our Officers contacted 60 year old Alkour on Selma. He was confused and disoriented. He was wearing a hospital wrist band. We were able to learn that the LAPD had recently placed a 5150 hold on him. He had been reported missing and his wife and son left for Syria during that time. We were able to connect Alkour with Keith



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from Get Love who agreed to help him. Alkour is an example of the many people that seem to fall between the cracks and end up roaming the streets of Hollywood.

On 02-03-11, our Officers contacted George. He is a longtime homeless man with many issues. We have arrested him in excess of 35 times in the last several years for a variety of violations<sup>1</sup>. Despite these negative contacts, we have still tried to assist him in getting the housing and services that he clearly needs.

George was recently interviewed by Common Ground and was placed on a vulnerability list for housing. On this date, our Officers helped George complete needed paperwork to facilitate his housing. George was extremely happy and excited at the prospect of getting a place to live. We will continue to monitor and assist in his progress.

On 02-03-11, our officers (Mike and Mike) met with 57 year old John at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. He and his adult son had been homeless and living in their truck in Hollywood for five months. He and his son Joliff got security jobs and were able to get an apartment on Santa Monica and Wilton. John got laid off and his son had to support him. They were in danger of becoming homeless again. John searched for work for the last month with no luck. John did have a valid guard card.

The Mike's asked me if Andrews International could help. I called former BID Officer, and now Hollywood and Highland Security Director Steve Gentry. He hired John on the spot. Our networking comes through again. John is starting part time, but we are hopeful that full time work will open up in the near future. John was thrilled and I think we likely gained a motivated and loyal employee.

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 108 arrests. Fifty were for drinking in public, 12 for urinating in public, 23 for trespass, 4 for illegal vending, 1 for battery, 5 for blocking the sidewalk, 2 for theft, 1 for vandalism, 5 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 5 for felonies. We also made 71 homeless referrals, assisted 33 agencies, provided extra patrol to 221 locations, assisted 682 citizens, handled 254 radio calls for service and made 325 business contacts.





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In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 22 arrests. Seven were for drinking in public, 5 for urinating in public, 3 for trespass, 1 for battery, 1 for blocking the sidewalk, 4 for theft, and 1 felony. We also made 27 homeless referrals, assisted 6 agencies, provided extra patrol to 143 locations, assisted 516 citizens, handled 111 radio calls for service, and made 209 business contacts.

The combined totals for both BIDS are 130 arrests. Fifty seven for drinking in public, 17 for urinating in public, 26 for trespass, 4 for illegal vending, 2 for battery, 6 for blocking the sidewalk, 6 for theft, 1 for vandalism, 5 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 6 for felonies. We also made a combined total of 98 homeless referrals, assisted 39 agencies, provided extra patrol to 364 locations, assisted 1198 citizens, handled 365 radio calls for service, and made 534 business contacts.

### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 01-02-11, our Officers arrested Nicholas for drinking in public at 6557 Selma. We then learned that he had an outstanding Assault With a Deadly Weapon Warrant from Orange County, as well as four outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

On 01-04-11, we assisted the LAPD regarding a man at Yogi's Dogs located at 6773 Hollywood Blvd. The man was behind the counter, refusing to leave, and scaring the customers. We found that the suspect (Kevin) was in possession of methamphetamine. He also had a felony Parole violation.

On 01-07-11, we arrested Damon for drinking in public at 1635 Wilcox. We then learned that he was on Parole for sex crimes.

On 01-10-11, we received a radio call of a man with a knife creating a disturbance at the Greyhound Terminal located at 1715 Cahuenga. Our Officers spotted suspect Timothy in a nearby alley. We learned that Timothy had been brandishing what turned out to be a bayonet at employees at the location. We then placed him under arrest for the felony charge of 417 (a) (1) PC. LAPD responded and took custody. They advised that the suspect had two additional outstanding warrants.



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On 01-15-11, we arrested Steve and Brian for drinking in public at 1714 Wilcox. We then learned that Brian had a felony parole warrant as well.

On 01-20-11, we received a radio call of a man causing a disturbance at Capital Records located at 1750 Vine. Upon arrival we spoke to Jai who was being very verbally abusive to employees at the location. Jai said he wanted his music heard. If refused, he said he would beat his way into the building. We advised him to leave or face arrest for trespass. He left spewing profanities at our Officers. It was clear that he would present an ongoing problem.

As Jai was so angry and volatile, our Officers decided to follow him at a distance. He went to the Trader Joe's and started screaming at staff and customers. He left as we drove up to the scene. He then walked back to Capital Records. He pulled out a 24 oz. beer and started drinking. He entered private property and again started yelling profanities at the security guard. We then placed him under arrest for trespass and drinking in public.

Jai was transported to our office. I spoke to him and he told me that he was extremely angry at Capital Records. He said they were causing "young girls to cry" as they were being deprived of his music. I told him he was not welcome there, but he vowed to return. We then turned him over to the LAPD.

On 01-20-11, we received a radio call of a disturbance at Hollywood Souvenirs located at 6408 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival, Mrs Choi was in the doorway with a broom stick in her hand. She was ordering suspect Thaddeus to get out of the store. As our officers approached, Thaddeus immediately placed his hands on the outside window. We watched him until an LAPD Mounted Unit rode up. They placed him under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon as he had pulled a knife on Mrs. Choi.

On 01-28-11, BID Officer Baxter went to the Hollywood Courthouse in order to testify on the case of Thomas. We had arrested Thomas on 08-21-10 for possession of a dirk or dagger (illegal knives). Thomas had pled innocent and the case was scheduled for trial on this date. Baxter presented the numerous photos that we took at the time of the arrest to the Court. This caused Thomas to change his plea to guilty.

On 01-28-11, our Officers heard a rumor on the street that a suspect known as 'Memphis' was a wanted Parolee at Large. We heard that he had cut off his court ordered ankle bracelet and was hanging out in



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the BID areas. Our Officers used a ruse offering him assistance and were able to learn his real name. This was given to the LAPD who ran him on their computer revealing the felony warrant.

We located 'Memphis' (Jamar) and called LAPD. Our Officers followed Jamar as they broadcast his location. LAPD responded with a helicopter and patrol cars. They conducted a felony stop on the suspect at 1535 Cahuenga as we provided back-up. The suspect was then taken into custody without incident.

On 01-29-11, we learned that Nabil was on felony probation. We know Nabil from numerous prior arrests and contacts. LAPD Officers told us that he had recently been placed on probation after attempting to kidnap a female in Hollywood. He was accused of holding a knife to the victim's throat during the incident. As a result he was banned from carrying weapons.

We spotted Nabil in the 6500 block of Hollywood Blvd. We coordinated an approach along with LAPD unit 6FB23. The LAPD Officers approached from the west. We approached from the east, cutting off his escape. The Officers recovered a razor knife from Nabil and he was placed under arrest for violation of probation. He also had 2 outstanding warrants.

### **DEPLOYMENT:**

Our hours of deployment are 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday through Saturday and 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday. We did adjust our hours on two occasions in order to address some issues of interest to our client. These are discussed in the narrative above.

### **TRAINING UPDATE:**

During this period our Officers received training in Legal Update, Driver Training, Effective Communication, Sexual Harassment and Hostile work Environment.



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